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Contracten ruwe olie en  
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**Subject: Enforcement of sanctions package 6**

Dear Sir, Madam,

Customs monitors compliance with sanctions measures in respect of the sanctioned flow of goods including those imposed against Russia. On 3 June 2022, the European Union (EU) adopted the 6th sanctions package against Russia. One of the measures is that there is a ban in the EU on the purchase, import and transfer of crude oil and refined oil products from Russia.

In certain situations, this ban does not apply. One of the exceptions mentioned in Article 3m Reg 833/2014 is imports based on a contract concluded before 4 June 2022 and notified before 24 June 2022. Another exception is imports based on a one-off short-term transaction.

This letter provides information on how you can disclose contract details to Customs, when bringing crude oil and refined oil products from Russia by ship into a port in the Netherlands.

**Routing contracts**

**Long-term contracts**

By 24 June 2022, you were able to send these contracts to the Central Import and Export Office (CDIU), and those contracts were sent to the European Commission via the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Customs has a list of those contract numbers.

**One-off transactions**

Since 24 June, one-off transactions have also been notified to CDIU whose numbers are also known to Customs. New one-off transactions that meet the requirements of Article 3m Vo 833/2014 can be sent to [cdu@douane.nl](mailto:cdu@douane.nl), quoting 'Contract 24/6 Regulation 833/2014', with a cc to [Sancties.Oliecontracten@douane.nl](mailto:Sancties.Oliecontracten@douane.nl)

**Contracts for transshipment to another vessel with final destination outside EU**

As customs already check on entry, it is important to make these contracts known to customs as soon as possible by sending to Sancties.Oliecontracten@douane.nl.

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### **Mentioning contract numbers in ENS and ATO**

Customs checks whether a shipment meets the conditions of an exception to the import ban. It does this by checking the listing of the contracts of these consignments. In doing so, Customs wants to disrupt the logistics process as little as possible. To be able to do this assessment as effectively and efficiently as possible, it is important that Customs has the number of the contract relating to the shipment of crude oil or oil products being brought in as early as possible prior to entering the port. It is therefore very important that you have the number of the contract. You enter this number in the Entry Summary Declaration (ENS) and in the Temporary Storage Declaration (ATO). in the "marks and numbers" box.

Please note that for tankers carrying crude oil or petroleum products, given the nature of these goods, it is not possible to start unloading the vessel until the contract has been assessed. The port authority may stipulate that the ship may only enter the port after the contract has been assessed and permission to unload has been granted.

Upon receipt of the ENS or ATO, respectively, Customs will assess as soon as possible whether the conditions for applying the exception(s) to the import ban are met. If Customs has any questions, it will contact the submitter of the ENS or ATO respectively.

If Customs receives an ENS or ATO in which no contract number has been entered, it will also contact the submitter of the ENS or ATO respectively. Customs will then request that the contract be submitted.

As long as Customs cannot determine whether the exception(s) to the import ban can be applied, a tanker may not enter the port. (Tank) containers containing oil products will not be released.

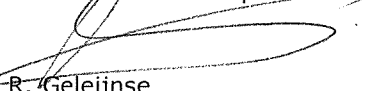
### **Further information**

If you have any questions about this request, please contact your regular contact person or at the companies contact point (BCP) of regional Customs office. For all other questions relating to the sanctions measures related to the situation in Ukraine, please refer to the Russia sanctions desk.

<https://www.rvo.nl/onderwerpen/sanctieloket-rusland>

Yours faithfully,

on behalf of the inspector



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